The importance of direct skin to skin contact for newborn babies cannot be overstated. There is increasingly widespread evidence that newborn babies are especially dependent on the direct proximity of their parents. The positive influence of Kangarooing on the physical and mental development of newborn babies as well as on the intensity of the mother-infant bond is well established. Clinical practice often does not facilitate satisfying the newborn’s need of physical closeness in a simple and comfortable manner.

In cooperation with the Department of Neonatology at Olgahospital in Stuttgart, Germany, we have developed the Kangaroo Care Top which takes into account the needs of premature babies and of their parents as well as the special requirements of in hospital care. A survey showed that all parents using the kangaroo top found it to be satisfactory and they were able to relax better while kangarooing. Two thirds believed that their children were more relaxed and stable.

Available in 2 Versions

The preferred type depends on the individual’s temperature sensitivity. Both options are equally suited for babies. Past experience shows that the sleeved top is more popular as mothers feel more comfortable with covered shoulders. DIDYMOS recommends the sleeveless model for easier maintenance and cleaning by hospital laundry services.

Colours

Different colours facilitate distinguishing the 4 sizes.

Wool white   pink   pure white    ice blue

Further colours on demand

Material

94% Viscose; 6% Elastane, washable up to 95 degrees Centigrade/203 degrees Fahrenheit, suitable for tumble drying

Sizes

Sizes S, M, L, and XL cover clothing sizes 36 to 50
S : 36/38
M : 40/42
L : 44/46
XL : 48/50

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DIDYMOS® Kangaroo Care Tops

The term “bonding” refers to the intimate relationship which develops between parents and their baby. It sensitizes parents to their baby’s signals. A well supported bonding experience facilitates child-oriented responses and develops a sure instinct for the child’s needs.

The special elastic top holds the infant securely with moderate pressure in the anatomically desired position. Being held close to a mother’s or father’s body is a state familiar to the newborn and has a soothing effect demonstrated in scientific study.

The certitude of safely carrying their child helps parents deal with an unfamiliar situation in a relaxed manner. As effective kangarooing should be done bare-chested, this garment helps to protect a parent’s privacy.

Immediate bonding when undergoing a caesarean section is still not afforded enough attention. This is not due to ignorance or disregard but rather to the special situation of the operating theatre and hospital policies.

The Kangaroo Care Top offers an excellent solution to this problem. The mother puts on the top while preparing for the operation, protecting her privacy. As soon as the baby is born and has been dried and examined by the paediatrician, he or she is put into the top on his mother’s chest.

Field-tested in hospitals over 1000 times since 2007.

Qualities
- easy handling
- long-term stable support
- easy repositioning for breastfeeding
- carrying multiple babies is possible
- quick access to the child
- no buttons, ribbons, buckles to get caught in
- no Velcro straps, which are too loud when opened
- soft, elastic material
- few and flat seams
- easy-care and resilient
- no parts which might break in the laundry
- few different sizes

The risk of tubes and cables getting out of place is reduced using Kangaroo Care Tops instead of blankets.

The expectant mother puts on the Kangaroo Care Top before spinal anaesthesia.

After birth, the baby is put onto his mother’s chest and is wrapped in the Kangaroo Care Top.